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▶ George Clooney and his girlfriend Stacy Keibler arrive at the 69th annual Golden Globe Awards Sunday in Los Angeles. Clooney won for best actor in a drama for his role in The Descendants.

Alleged arson

3 face charges in fire

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3 face charges in West End blaze

About 50 people had to evacuate the area ◆ More arrests likely: Police

Winnipeg police have two men and one teenage male in custody after arsonists allegedly sparked a major fire in Winnipeg's West End that destroyed an apartment building and sent 19 people to hospital.

Police arrested the three suspects in a nearby apartment suite just hours after firefighters were called to the blaze at 577 Sherbrook St. around 7:10 a.m. on Saturday.

"It is an extremely serious charge," said Const. Jason Michalyshen on Sunday. "(For) individuals who are involved in this type of behaviour, once is once too many ... and we need to address it."

Police wouldn't comment on whether an accelerant was used or whether the fire was started inside or outside the apartment, but they did say they have reason to believe the location was targeted.

The building was completely destroyed and damages are estimated at $1 million.

Two men aged 18 and 20 and one 16-year-old male have been charged with arson with disregard for human life and arson with damage to property.

Firefighters saved residents who were stranded on the upper floors of the building, finishing their rescues with only moments to spare before the entire structure was fully engulfed.

"There were people hanging out windows when we showed up," said Bill Clark, the fire department's deputy chief of operations.

"We were very fortunate that a lot of people weren't lost in this fire."

Two were taken to hospital in unstable condition and have since been upgraded to stable condition, and more than a dozen others were also treated in hospital for less serious conditions, like smoke inhalation.

One firefighter who suffered minor injuries was treated and released from hospital.

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▶ Nineteen people including a firefighter were sent to hospital as a fire engulfed this building on Sherbrook Street, causing an estimated $1 million in damages.

Fire burns in shed

SHANNON VAN RAES/FOR METRO

A shed blaze woke residents on McMillan Street Sunday.

The shed caught fire at about 6:30 a.m. While no one was hurt, neighbours said the shed was owned by a local garden centre owner and the man was growing a number of rare orchids inside. There was no word on damages or if the fire is considered suspicious.

SHANNON VAN RAES

Premier shuffles cabinet

ELISHA DACEY/METRO

▶ Greg Selinger

Premier Greg Selinger has elevated two backbenchers to his cabinet table.

Rookie legislature member Ron Kostyshyn has been named agriculture minister, while Kevin Chief has been named minister of children and youth opportunities.

The only other changes in Selinger's shuffle see four veteran cabinet ministers change or add to their portfolios.

Gord Mackintosh moves from family services to conservation and water stewardship.

Former water stewardship minister Christine Melnick moves to immigration and multiculturalism.

Labour Minister Jennifer Howard takes on family services as an added responsibility, and Healthy Living Minister Jim Rondeau takes on additional duty for seniors and consumer affairs.

ELISHA DACEY

News in brief

Stabbing victim not co-operating

A 19-year-old man was taken to hospital in unstable condition following a stabbing in the 500 block of William Avenue on Saturday. The victim was treated and released from hospital and is not co-operating with investigators. SHANE GIBSON

Traffic stop ends in charges

Two people have been arrested on drug and firearms charges following a traffic stop in St. Andrews Friday. Police were on their way to execute a search warrant around 3 p.m. when suspects, a man and a woman, were seen leaving the residence. They were arrested during the stop where three phones and cash were seized. SHANE GIBSON

Russian spacecraft crashes into Pacific

- Space probe designed to travel to Mars' twin moons
- It got stranded in Earth's orbit after Nov. 9 launch
- Efforts by Russians to bring it back to life failed

A Russian space probe designed to boost the nation's pride on a bold mission to a moon of Mars came down in flames Sunday, showering fragments into the South Pacific west of Chile's coast, officials said.

Pieces from the Phobos-Ground, which had become stuck in Earth's orbit, landed in water 1,250 kilometres west of Wellington Island in Chile's south, the Russian military Air and Space Defence Forces said in a statement.

The military space-tracking facilities were monitoring the probe's crash, said spokesman Col. Alexei Zolotukhin.

He said the deserted ocean area is where Russia guides its discarded space cargo ships serving the International Space Station.

RIA Novosti news agency, however, cited Russian ballistic experts who said the fragments fell over a broader patch of Earth's surface, spreading from the Atlantic and including Brazil.

The $170-million craft is one of the heaviest and most toxic pieces of space junk ever to crash to Earth, but space officials and experts said the risks posed by its crash were minimal because the toxic rocket fuel on board and most of the craft's structure would burn up in the atmosphere high above the ground anyway.

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Space junk

- Thousands of pieces of derelict space vehicles orbit Earth, occasionally posing danger to astronauts and satellites in orbit.
- About 100 metric tonnes of space junk fall on Earth every year.
- Russia's space agency Roscosmos predicted that only between 20 to 30 fragments of the Phobos probe with a total weight of 200 kilograms would survive the re-entry and plummet to Earth.

Flagging. Brand

▶ With fewer people visiting the country's national parks and historic sites, Parks Canada has hired a consultant to help boost its flagging brand.

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Parks to revamp image

Toronto marketing firm Veritas is getting paid $395,000 over two years to advise Parks Canada on how it can better promote itself. The agency wants a 10 per cent increase in visits by 2015.

Alleged war criminal in detention

A man accused of helping incite the Rwandan genocide has been released from a Quebec City hospital and put in an immigration detention centre.

Leon Mugesera is facing deportation back to Rwanda where he faces charges related to a 1992 speech that allegedly helped spur the genocide.

A Quebec Superior Court justice ordered a one-week delay on Thursday — the day he was due to be deported.

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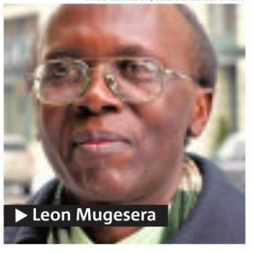

▶ Leon Mugesera

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Italy cruise ship death toll rises to 5 after divers find two more bodies

At least 15 people unaccounted for after luxury liner runs aground
Captain arrested after accident

Maritime authorities, passengers and mounting evidence pointed Sunday toward the captain of a cruise liner that ran aground and capsized off the Tuscan coast, amid accusations that he abandoned ship before everyone was safely evacuated and was showing off when he steered the vessel far too close to shore.

Divers searching the murky depths of the partially submerged Costa Concordia found the bodies of two elderly men still in their life jackets, bringing the confirmed death toll to five. At least 15 people were still missing.

The recovered bodies were discovered at an emergency gathering point near the restaurant where many of the 4,200 on board were dining when the luxury liner struck rocks or a reef off the tiny island of Giglio.

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Captain

- Authorities are holding Francesco Schettino, the ship's Italian captain, for investigation of suspected manslaughter and abandoning his ship, among other possible charges.
- According to the Italian navigation code, a captain who abandons a ship in danger can face up to 12 years in prison.
- A coast guard official on Sunday said officers exhorted Schettino to return to his ship as panicked passengers desperately fled the cruise liner.

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▶ An Italian firefighter helicopter lifts up a passenger from the luxury cruise ship Costa Concordia, which ran aground off the tiny Tuscan island of Giglio, Italy, Sunday.

Liberals stand by Queen, approve marijuana use

God save the Queen and pass the joint.

Federal Liberals have shot down a proposal calling for Canadians to consider cutting this country's ties to the monarchy. But they've thrown overwhelming support behind another calling, for the legalization and regulation of marijuana.

The proposals on the monarchy and marijuana were among a handful of controversial resolutions at the party's renewal convention.

They were put forward by the party's youth wing, which argued that the Liberal party, reduced to rubble in last May's election, needs to advance bold ideas if it is to revive.

"I think that there's a certain amount of generational change happening in the party," said Samuel Lavoie, president of the Liberal youth wing, on Sunday.

The marijuana resolution is not binding on the leader or the party. And delegates rejected a proposal to remove the leader's veto over the contents of future election platforms, so there's no guarantee the party will ever actually campaign on the idea of legalizing pot.

Still, with 75 per cent of delegates voting for it, Lavoie predicted: "I think it is really difficult for anyone to just ignore the result and the will of the membership." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Party shakeup

- Delegates balked at adopting a U.S.-style primary system to elect future leaders.
- They did support reforming the country's electoral system, voting to adopt preferential balloting in federal elections, rather than the current first-past-the-post system.

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▶ Queen Elizabeth II talks with Prime Minister Stephen Harper during Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on July 1, 2010.

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▶ Mike Crawley

Liberals pick Crawley over Copps for presidency

Federal Liberals selected Mike Crawley as their new party president Sunday.

He beat out Sheila Copps, a veteran former cabinet minister who was at one time considered the favourite to win but whom some Liberals felt symbolized the past. Crawley won the highly sought position by a slim 26 votes.

Before he was elected as the new party president, Crawley was the head of the Liberal party's Ontario wing.

Some 3,000 federal Liberals from across Canada attended the biennial three-day convention in Ottawa to debate, among many other things, executive leaders, party resolutions and new proposals aimed at ensuring the long-term survival of the party. THE CANADIAN PRESS

PTE. DANNY CHEN'S SUICIDE

Hearing begins in abuse case

A U.S. soldier charged with abuse that led to the suicide of a 19-year-old fellow soldier in Afghanistan faced a preliminary hearing on Sunday at Kandahar Air Field, the U.S. military said.

Spc. Ryan J. Offutt, 32, is charged with maltreatment, assault, involuntary manslaughter and negligent homicide in the death of Pte. Danny Chen. Offutt is one of eight infantrymen charged in connection with the suicide.

Chen shot himself in a guardhouse on Oct. 3 in Afghanistan after what investigators say were weeks of racial slurs, humiliation and physical abuse.

Sunday's hearing was to determine whether Offutt should face court-martial.

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Republican hopefuls slammed for speaking French, Mandarin

Both Mitt Romney and Jon Huntsman are getting heat from staunch Republicans, but not for their views on health care or tax reform: Romney is under fire for knowing French and Huntsman is viewed with suspicion because he speaks Mandarin.

Both candidates are Mormons, and learned the languages as young men while on religious missions to France and China respectively.

In South Carolina, a pair of Newt Gingrich ads — one of them titled The French Connection — attack Romney for his facility with the language.

Romney "will say anything to win, anything, and just like John Kerry, he speaks French, too," the narrator intones menacingly as a jaunty accordion plays in the background. Romney is seen speaking French in the web spot.

Meanwhile, Huntsman's penchant for breaking into Mandarin in debates — even during campaign stops in South Carolina — has raised the hackles of some Republicans.

Said Michael Steele, former head of the Republican National Committee: "I thought he was ordering takeout."

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Tanker awaits deep freeze to deliver fuel

Nome, Alaska, facing gasoline and diesel shortage ◗ Once ice is stable, fuel to be transferred to village by hose from Russian tanker offshore

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▶ With Alaska's Kigluaik Mountains visible on the horizon, the Healy breaks ice for the Russian tanker Renda (not shown) near Nome on Jan. 13. Once the broken ice has refrozen, the crew will transfer some 4.5-million litres of diesel and gasoline to shore through a 1.6-kilometre-long hose, taking care not to spill a drop.

A Russian tanker with a cargo of much-needed fuel for Nome was moored less than a half-mile from the Alaskan town's iced-in harbour Sunday morning, waiting for disturbed ice to refreeze so that crews can deliver the fuel.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy, which cleared a path through hundreds of kilometres of Bering Sea ice for the tanker, was nearby.

"We were able to successfully navigate that last bit of ice," coast guard spokesman Kip Wadlow said. "We were able to get it pretty much right on the money, in the position that the industry representatives wanted to start the fuel-transfer process."

The crew of the 370-foot tanker Renda was working to ensure the safe transfer of the 4.5-million litres of fuel through a segmented hose that will be laid on top of the ice to the harbour, about 610 metres from the ship, Wadlow said on Saturday.

Once the disturbed ice has refrozen, crews must build a pathway over the ice for the hose to rest on. Then the hose segments have to be bolted together and inspected before the fuel can be released.

There has been a lot of anxious waiting since the ship left Russia in mid-December. A fall storm prevented Nome from getting a fuel delivery by barge in November. Without the Renda's delivery, Nome's supplies of diesel, gasoline and home heating fuel are expected to run out in March or April.

But Jason Evans, chairman of Sitnasuak Native Corp., cautioned that delivering the fuel is only half the mission.

"The ships need to transition back through 300 miles of ice," he said. "I say we're not done until the ships are safely back at their home ports (in Seattle and Russia)."

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Recession or not? Canadians think so

- Recession ended more than two years ago: Economists
- Canadians unconvinced, as disposable incomes decline

Is Canada in a recession? A majority of Canadians think so. But data and economists say otherwise.

The issue arose when pollster Michael Marzolini of Pollara reported to the Economic Club that 70 per cent of Canadians felt the R-word applied today, and a similar number thought the downturn would last at least another year.

The finding was immediately scoffed at by economists and policy-makers. Except for a brief skid in the second quarter of 2011, the economy has been growing steadily since 2009, they say. Hardly a day goes by when Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty don't trumpet the fact that Canada has created more than 600,000 new jobs since the slump, much more than the 400,000 or so that were lost.

The technical definition of recession is when real, inflation-adjusted gross domestic product falls in back-to-back quarters. That happened in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the first two quarters of 2009.

But real GDP adjusts for inflation, not for population. Canada's economic performance looks different when population growth — about one per cent a year — is factored out. By that measure, Canada's per-capita GDP is still 1.4 per cent below what it was prior to the recession.

"To most people, real GDP doesn't really matter. What matters is per-capita income," said Craig Alexander, chief economist with the TD Bank.

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Fashion. Fight

▶ A police officer walks by a mock camera placed by protesters at the front door of a Dolce & Gabbana store in Hong Kong on Sunday.

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Protestors decry Dolce & Gabbana

Several dozen people gathered outside a Dolce & Gabbana store in Hong Kong Sunday and yelled for the company to apologize after news reports this month said sales staff were preventing Hong Kong people, but not mainland Chinese or foreigners, from taking photos of the shop windows from the sidewalk.

13 At least 13 people were injured when more than 1,000 protesters clashed with police on the streets in Bucharest.

Protests get violent in Romania

Romania's government called an emergency meeting Sunday to discuss ongoing, violent protests after demonstrators angry about austerity measures hurled stones and firebombs at police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Give eurozone pacts a chance: Minister

MARKETS. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle, on a visit to Greece, says it is now time for Europe to create independent credit ratings agencies and calm down markets jittery from constant speculation.

During a break from talks with his Greek counterpart, Westerwelle told reporters he thinks it is very important to give agreements and pacts made within the eurozone a realistic chance to work out, adding that this is the only realistic way to bring back trust to the markets.

Westerwelle has also met with Prime Minister Lucas Papademos and conservative leader Antonis Samaras.

He said he was glad to see all agreed on the need to pursue reforms in Greece.

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Sarkozy urges calm after downgrade

EUROZONE. French President Nicolas Sarkozy called for courage, calm and unity to overcome the financial crisis, promising new reforms Sunday without mentioning the loss of France's prized AAA rating in his first public appearance since the downgrade.

The Standard & Poor's decision to lower France's rating to AA+ was a blow to the country's self-image and to Sarkozy's prospects of re-election, coming just three months before the first round of voting.

It could also have far-reaching effects for Europe, potentially raising the borrowing costs for the bailout fund used to rescue struggling members of the eurozone. The move was one of a spate of downgrades of countries that use the euro that the agency said reflects the absence of a sufficiently bold political solution to the crisis.

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Iran gives warning over crude-oil exports

Iran warned Gulf Arab oil producers against boosting production to offset any potential drop in Tehran's crude exports in the event of an embargo affecting its oil sales, the latest salvo in the dispute between the West and the Islamic Republic over its nuclear program.

The comments by Iran's OPEC governor, published Sunday, came as Saudi Arabia's oil minister was quoted the same day denying that his country's earlier pledges to boost output as needed to meet global demand was linked to a potential siphoning of Iranian crude from the market because of sanctions.

World oil markets have been jolted over concerns that Iran may choke off the vital Strait of Hormuz in retaliation for sanctions hampering its ability to sell its oil. Saudi Arabia and other key Gulf Arab producers have recently said they are ready to provide stable and secure supplies of oil.

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A COUNCIL OF QUANTITY OR QUALITY?

URBAN COMPASS

COLIN FAST
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Do we need more representatives at city hall, or just better representation?

That question was sparked by a motion this week that recommends the city ask the province for the power to add one extra seat to council if it decides that's necessary.

Coun. Grant Nordman, the architect of the plan, claims this is just a "housekeeping" motion designed to change an odd legal requirement that only allows the city to add new wards in pairs.

But more likely, it's the start of a push to add an extra council seat in time for the next civic election in 2014. The argument goes that since the population of south Winnipeg has been booming, the city needs to create an extra ward in that area to ensure all citizens are being represented equally.

"It's the quality of the representatives — and their willingness to engage with the public — that matters a lot more than the number of people they serve."

While the principle makes some sense, the reality is that truly equal representation rarely exists at any level of government. It's the quality of the representatives — and their willingness to engage with the public — that matters a lot more than the number of people they serve.

For example, there are some members of council who are quick to return phone calls, and others who are rarely available. Some view public consultations as a necessity, and others who see them as a nuisance. And some work 60 hours a week, while others have time for a second job.

Technology should have leveled the playing field for all of them. Smartphones make it possible to respond to constituents whether you're sitting at city hall or sunning yourself in Arizona. Social media tools like Facebook and Twitter allow councillors to interact with residents in real time. And websites and blogs make it easy to share information on important issues with a broad audience.

Unfortunately, your average high school student council is way more web-savvy than Winnipeg city council. A recent scan of councillor websites showed that most of them haven't been updated in months, or even years. And while some councillors are on social media sites, they tend to use them more for blasting out media speaking points rather than meaningful interactions.

So if council really cares about providing better service to all residents, it should stop worrying about how many people are sitting around the table, and concentrate on doing a better job of using technology to engage with citizens.

Colin Fast is a corporate communicator who blogs about life in Winnipeg at policyfrog.com.

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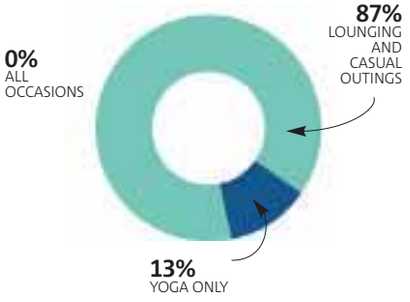

Local tweets

- **@Texholdem-Shawn:** i know my town is behind the times but beer in the theaters..just golden i say #wtg #winnipeg #2012
- **@bigblue1ca:** @metrowinnipeg hmmmm....beer and sports, beer and a concert, but beer and a movie? Never heard of that before.
- **@MeToddScott:** Sorry #Winnipeg the reason I haven't been answering my phone this morning is, I forgot to put it on the charger. btw it was nice and quiet
- **@mercyguevarra:** Pizza Pockets > Pizza Pops (anyone agree?)
- **@Lacasse08:** In a room full of sleeping people, and I'm awake and hungry. #thissucks
- **@tinytori_:** Got more or less three hours of sleep last night, yet I feel like I slept for 12. Whatever, works for me.
- **@EmiliBellefleur:** I'm showing Power Point things it didn't even know it could do. Because I have to. #NonForProfit #PressConference
- **@xo_chantelle:** Going thru my moms kitchen. Collecting stuff to move out

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Sculptures of ice from river water

HARBIN, CHINA. Ice sculptors from nine countries competed in the 26th International Ice Sculpture Contest in China's northeastern city of Harbin. The event is part of an annual ice and snow festival, which sees streets filled with pagodas made entirely of ice. ● METRO WORLD NEWS

3 It takes three days to sculpt a block of ice weighing over two tonnes, which is cut from the frozen surface of the nearby Songhua River. Locals say the ice is notably translucent, as it freezes slowly each winter while the river continues to flow beneath and polish it.

"(In ice sculpture) you see the light, how it reflects. It's more playing with light. ... I make all these ideas, which are not possible to make in any other material." KARLIS ILE, 37, LATVIAN-BORN ARTIST

Humble origins

- The first festival in 1963 may have originated from tradition of ice lantern-making by local fishermen.

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Is Plummer on the Oscar track?

Plummer, 82, gets his Golden Globe for supporting actor ◆ Will he finally win an Oscar? ◆ Clooney, Streep and Williams also take home gold

Canadian-born stage and screen legend Christopher Plummer won the supporting-actor Golden Globe for his role as an elderly widower who comes out as gay in the father-son drama Beginners.

Claiming the first prize of the night at Sunday's Globes may give 82-year-old Plummer the inside track for the same prize at next month's Academy Awards.

"I must praise my distinguished competitors, whom I have the greatest admiration and to whom I apologize most profusely," said Plummer, who added warm regards to Beginners star Ewan McGregor.

"I want to salute my partner, Ewan, that wily Scot, 'Ewan My Heart's in the Highlands' McGregor, that scene-stealing swine from the outer Hebrides."

Oscar consideration has been elusive for Plummer, who has been nominated for Hollywood's top honour only once in his 60-year career — two years ago, for the Leo Tolstoy drama The Last Station.

Ricky Gervais, who has ruffled feathers at past shows with sharp wisecracks aimed at Hollywood's elite and the Globes show itself, returned as host for the third-straight year.

He needled early winners, saying the show was running long and stars needed to keep their speeches short.

"You don't need to thank everyone you've ever met or members of your family, who have done nothing," Gervais said. "Just the main two. Your agent and God."

On the musical/comedy side, Michelle Williams won best actress for portraying Marilyn Monroe in what presenter and pal Seth Rogen jokingly called "the hilarious comedy My Week with Marilyn."

On the TV side, HBO's Enlightenment, which has struggled to gain viewers, got a boost from star Laura Dern's win for best actress in a comedy series, beating out popular favourites Tina Fey and Zooey Deschanel. PBS's runaway hit British import Downton Abbey took home best miniseries or TV movie, while Kelsey Grammer surprised awards watchers by earning top drama series acting honours for the Starz political series Boss ahead of Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Steve Buscemi (Boardwalk Empire).

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▶ Michelle Williams wows in Wu.

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▶ Best looking couple? The Pitt-Jolies.

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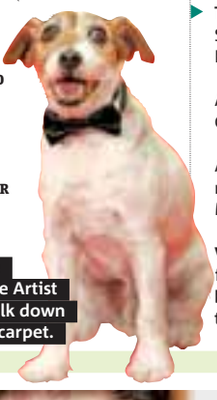
▶ Emma Stone needs no "Help."



▶ Uggie from The Artist for a walk down the red carpet.

Winners

Here is a partial list of winners as of press time:

Motion pictures:

Supporting actor — Christopher Plummer, Beginners

Actress, musical/comedy — Michelle Williams, My Week with Marilyn

Actress, drama — Meryl Streep, Iron Lady

Actor, drama — George Clooney, The Descendants

Movie, drama — The Descendants

Television:

Series, drama — Homeland, Showtime

Actor, drama — Kelsey Grammer, Boss

Actress, miniseries or movie — Kate Winslet, Mildred Pierce

Visit metronews.ca/scene for Metro's Ned Ehrbar's behind-the-scenes look at the Golden Globe Awards.

Box office

Contraband managed to steal the top slot at the weekend box office away from competitors. The Universal action film starring Mark Wahlberg debuted at No. 1 with $24 million US, according to studio estimates Sunday. Disney's 3-D re-release of 1991's Beauty and the Beast waltzed into the No. 2 position with $18.5 million. Joyful Noise, the Warner Bros.' musical comedy starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton, opened in the fourth spot with $11.3 million behind Paramount's Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol, which earned $11.5 million in its fifth week, bringing its total haul to $186.7 million.

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Ricky's golden glib award

Perhaps the biggest question for most Golden Globe viewers this year was exactly how far Ricky Gervais would go with his second opportunity as host after last year's eyebrow-raising skewering of Hollywood's biggest names. The answer, as it turns out, was not too far at all, as Gervais went easy on his audience, poking fun at himself, the Hollywood Foreign Press and host network NBC, which he referred to as a "non-profit organization."

His first victim of the night? Kim Kardashian. "The Golden Globes are to the Oscars what Kim Kardashian is to Kate Middleton ... a bit louder, a bit trashier, a bit drunker and more easily bought, allegedly." METRO

For more Golden Globes coverage, scan this code or visit metronews.ca/scene

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"The HFPA have warned me that if I insult any of you ... or cause any controversy, they'll invite me back next year"

RICKY GERVAIS, REFERENCING THE IRE HE EARNED AS HOST OF LAST YEAR'S GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS

Make no mistake: Alcatraz is not Lost 2.0

Lost creator J.J. Abrams reunites with show alum Jorge Garcia for new drama about San Francisco's infamous prison

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Jorge Garcia, who played Hugo "Hurley" Reyes in the cult drama Lost, is heading back to another island with a different bunch of people in J.J. Abrams' new supernatural thriller Alcatraz.

This shot-in-Vancouver series revolves around more than 300 prisoners and guards who vanished from America's notorious Alcatraz prison in 1963 and start reappearing in the present day, wreaking havoc on the streets of San Francisco.

San Francisco cop Rebecca Madsen (Sarah Jones), Alcatraz expert and comic book enthusiast Dr. Diego "Doc" Soto (Garcia), federal agent Emerson Hauser (Sam Neill) and his sidekick Lucy Banerjee (Parminder Nagra) are forced to join forces to catch and bring to justice the supposed-to-be-dead bad guys.

For Garcia, joining the series was a no-brainer.

"When J.J. calls, with my history with him, I'll make myself available for sure," he says.

"I like what he does and the TV that he makes so I knew what I was going to be in. And then you read the script and it's like, 'Oh, sweet.'"

Jones (Big Love, Sons of Anarchy) says headlining her first series is a little overwhelming, but she says she tries not to put a lot of pressure on herself.

"I just try to treat it like other jobs I've had and do the best I can and hope that people like the character I'm playing as much as they've liked other female heroes that J.J. has brilliantly come up with," she says.

Garcia adds he's slowly getting used to working in Vancouver after shooting Lost in the lush locations of Hawaii.

But he admits he's a little bummed his former castaway-mates Daniel Dae Kim and Terry O'Quinn are having fun in the sun, shooting Hawaii Five-0.

"Whenever I watch Five-0 I'm a little bit jealous," Garcia admits.

"But only a little bit. Vancouver has its own green beauty, just like Hawaii. Of course, you have to pay for that with the rain. And it's a little bit colder.

"But I'm having fun. It's a fun show to be a part of. And it's cool living up here."

The series debuts with a two-hour premiere Monday at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Citytv and Fox. Alcatraz returns to its regular 9 p.m. ET/PT time-slot on Jan. 23.

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▶ Jorge Garcia and Sarah Jones star in the new J.J. Abrams mystery thriller Alcatraz.

Locklear in booze and pills overdose

Melrose Place actress all smiles as she was discharged from hospital
Not a suicide attempt: Parents

Heather Locklear is safe at home after being hospitalized late last week for reportedly ingesting a life-threatening mix of booze and prescription pills, according to Us Weekly.

Locklear was reportedly chatty and smiling upon being discharged from Los Robles Hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Locklear's parents "wanted everybody to know that she's doing well, she's fine, she's not in any danger, she's healthy," a hospital spokeswoman says, adding that the actress' episode was not a suicide attempt. METRO

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▶ Heather Locklear

It's really over: Sinéad

After a brief reconciliation, Sinéad O'Connor again split with husband Barry Herridge, she confirms on her blog.

The couple separated after 16 days of marriage before getting back together and then splitting again. In her post, O'Connor blames the media's scrutiny for the breakup.

"Slowly, since we were married, I became very ill as a result of what was done to my husband and I was unable to cope and became depressed," she writes.

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Celebrity tweets

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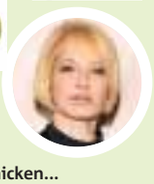
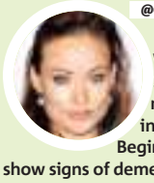


I am dreaming of a Costco roast chicken...

@oliviawilde



Vegas, day 2. Spent 45 mins lost inside hotel. Beginning to show signs of dementia due to neon overexposure and piped-in nitrous. Send help.

@JonahHill

Fox cancelled Allen Gregory! Yes! Wait, cancelled means permanently on tv forever right?

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Not feeling well. What's the cutoff date for "In Memoriam" at the Oscars?

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Pill recall

Health Canada says a recall of Excedrin products announced last week in the U.S. now extends to Canada.

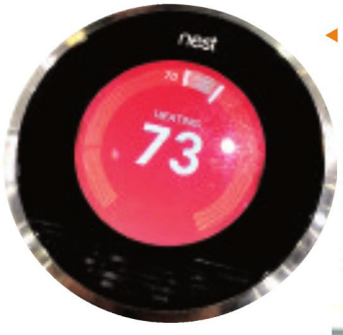
The recall covers all of Excedrin Extra Strength Caplets and Excedrin Tension Headache Caplets with expiration dates of Dec. 20, 2014 or earlier.

The recall was initiated after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration received reports of chipped and broken pills. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bubble Wrap Kids host urges overprotective parents to give kids space to grow.

Tech-toy heaven

As the 2012 Consumer Electronics Show gets underway, Mike Yawney, Citytv's technology specialist, has scoured the floor for this year's must-have tech toys Here are a few of his picks



Nest: You have never seen a thermostat quite like this. Designed by Tony Fadell, the man who designed the original iPod, Nest is the world's first learning thermostat. Set the temperature in your home and over the course of a few days Nest will learn your climate preferences and start adjusting the temperature on its own. Since Nest is connected to your WiFi network, you have the ability to control the temperature in your home from just about anywhere using a smartphone or tablet. Nest will also tell you when you're saving energy to help you save money. You're going to need that cash, since the thermostat will set you back $249.

55-inch OLED TV: This isn't the first time OLED TVs have shown up at CES, but this is the first year they have reached such a large size. Last year, the ultra-thin televisions hit the 21-inch mark, this year we're finally starting to see 55-inch panels. The TVs are a mere four-mm thin, weigh roughly 7.5 KGs and are very energy efficient. On top of that, the display produces an incredible picture with some of the best colours you've ever seen. The only real drawback may be the price. A couple of years ago Sony sold an 11-inch model for $2,100 so you can expect these large panels will cost you a pretty penny when they hit Canada later this year.

Samsung Upgradeable TVs: Did you buy a TV for Christmas? The reality is that within a few months it will already be outdated. Samsung wants to make sure you don't have buyers remorse this year by allowing you to continuously upgrade your television. Many of its 2012 models will feature a slot on the rear where a special upgrade module can be inserted. This means modules with new software features, even faster processors can be purchased each year to keep your TV up to date. The updates will cost you, but at least you'll have the latest and greatest features on your TV.

Also at the show

Sony Walkman Z
Sony's Walkman Z runs Android 2.3 (Gingerbread) and gives users access to the Android marketplace and thousands of apps without having to own an actual Android phone. Oh, and it also plays music!

Lytro Light Field Camera: Forget what you know about traditional cameras – the Lytro camera changes everything. After a picture has been taken the camera uses a series of algorithms to let users refocus a picture. Who cares if a picture comes out blurry; you can fix it afterward! Focus, refocus and have fun with your pictures. The Lytro light field camera is already available for pre-order.

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Warm up with Indian twist

Sweet potatoes and apples get a tweak in this warming curried soup

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▶ This recipe makes six to eight servings.

This Indian-inspired sweet potato soup adds zing to the taste buds. Using sweet potatoes, apples and onions, kick up the spice level by choosing a medium-strength curry powder.

Preparation:

1. In a large saucepan, melt the butter then cook the garlic, onion and ginger until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the curry powder, cumin, coriander, salt, nutmeg and bay leaf; cook, stirring, for 1 minute.
2. Add the sweet potatoes, apple, coconut milk and broth and bring the mixture to a boil. Reduce the heat and cook, covered, for 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender.
3. Let the soup cool slightly then discard bay leaf. Puree, in small batches, in a blender or food processor. Return to saucepan and thin with additional broth, if necessary. Reheat and serve garnished with coriander and dollop of yogurt, if desired.

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Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped ginger root
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) curry powder (mild or medium)
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each ground cumin, ground coriander and salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground nutmeg
- 1 bay leaf
- 750 g (1 1/2 lb) sweet potatoes (2 or 3), peeled and cubed
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and chopped
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) light coconut milk
- 625 ml (2 1/2 cups) chicken broth (approx)
- Chopped fresh coriander (optional)
- Plain yogurt (optional)

Rose Reisman's Swap It

Even vegetarian frozen dinners can be full of fat. Watch for choices that are packed with oil but lack things like protein.

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Mediterranean flavours shine in tart

The addition of raisins may seem odd in this dish, but they add a welcome sweet touch to the savoury veggies

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▶ This recipe makes 16 appetizers or eight entrées.

Preparation:

1. Coat 2 baking sheets with cooking spray; set aside. In a large skillet heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook onion and garlic 4 to 5 minutes or until tender. Add eggplant and cook 8 mins. or until softened.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together tomato paste and wine, then add to pan. Add roasted red peppers, raisins and oregano. Cook 1 to 2 minutes or until almost all the liquid has evaporated. Season with salt and pepper.
3. On a lightly floured counter, roll out each pastry sheet to a rough circle about 30 cm (12 inches) in diameter. Place each pastry sheet on one of the prepared baking sheets. Spoon half of the filling into the centre of each pastry, leaving 5 cm (2 inches) uncovered around the edges.
4. Fold the 5-cm (2-inch) edge of the pastry up over of the filling. Sprinkle exposed filling with cheese and pine nuts. Bake in 200 C (400 F) oven for 20 minutes or until pastries are golden brown. Serve warm or at room temperature.

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Ingredients:

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 small yellow onion, sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 small eggplant, peeled and cubed (1 L/4 cups)
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) tomato paste
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) white wine
- 1 jar (340 ml/12 oz) roasted red peppers, drained and chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) golden raisins
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) chopped fresh oregano
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 pkg (397 g) frozen puff pastry, thawed (package contains 2 pastry sheets)
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) grated ricotta salata or feta cheese
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) pine nuts

Lighten up on roofing repair

If it's time to replace those old shingles you should consider cool-roof technology It costs exactly the same

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White shingles cost the same amount as your traditional black shingles.

Want a simple, effective way to make the world green? Turn your roof white.

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"If you have a white roof on your building, that reduces your air-conditioning use, increases comfort and improves the ambient air quality within the city," says Dr. Hashem Akbari, professor of environmental engineering at Concordia University in Montreal.

Every roof eventually needs to be serviced, or replaced. Doing the job with light-coloured materials is simple — and doesn't cost a penny extra.

"If you're building a new office tower, there's no difference in price between a white roof and a black roof," notes Jim Harris, management consultant and bestselling author of Blindsided.

"Same thing with shingles on a house. Pick a light colour, like a light gray, as close to white as you can get. There are really simple things that you can do that will make an incredible difference."

Yes, white roofs get dirty. But even so, they remain vastly more reflective than dark ones. Akbari notes that a typical Canadian house can offset 10 to 20 tons of CO_2 emissions just by lightening the colour of its roof.

This simple idea has environmental implications that are — huge.

"If every roof in the world that is a dark colour were white, it would be equivalent to taking 600 million cars off the road for 22 years," Harris says. "That's the equivalent saving in carbon emissions that this would reduce. Those emissions come from burning electricity to air-condition air heated by dark roofs."

"This does not solve the problem of global warming," Akbari stresses, "but it is a measure that it is effective. It doesn't cost us anything. It doesn't have any negative effect. It saves us money, and we can afford to do it right now, while we are getting our act together to do something more serious."

And in a time when environmental issues get darker every day, it's a way we can all "lighten up."

White roofs

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What can I use to clean my granite counter tops? I'm scared of scratching them. ***Jean of Toronto***

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No need to get sucked into purchasing specialty cleaning products. I recommend a simple mixture of baking soda and water. Mix into a paste consistency, apply with a soft cloth or sponge (an old cotton T-shirt will do), and rinse well. Or, try eco-friendly dishwashing soap — many are pH-balanced. A good rinse will prevent buildup. Both options are cost effective.

Avoid any homemade cleaning recipes (including mine) that contain acidic ingredients like lemon juice or white vinegar, or store-bought cleaners that aren't pH-balanced or contain harsh or abrasive chemicals. These will all dull and etch the stone.

Remember, stone is porous, so harsh chemicals like bleach or ammonia can also seep into the surface. Household cleaners aren't required to label ingredients, so you may not realize something contains a strong acid until it's too late!

Of course, you'll know once damage is done. Do you have what looks like a stain on your granite countertops? That's from using an acidic cleaner or not wiping up immediately after a lemon juice spill, which can change the natural patterns and variations of the stone. Always clean granite countertops (or any natural stone finish) with a pH-neutral, non-toxic cleaner. Do it daily, and wipe up spills as soon as they happen.

Another recipe worth trying (although not 100 per cent Queen of Green approved because I don't have granite countertops to test it): to a 250 ml spray bottle add 50 ml vodka, three drops of eco-friendly dishwashing soap (or liquid castile soap, or vegetable glycerin), and top up with water. Spray and wipe clean with a cloth.

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Find time to teach at home

Study shows opportunities for parents to teach lessons in the home environment are often passed by

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▶ Keep an eye out for the many moments in the day that can be used to educate your young one.

Most Canadian parents want to devote more time to helping educate their children, but many aren't taking advantage of moments during routine tasks to share their knowledge, a new poll suggests.

The Ipsos Reid survey conducted on behalf of ABC Life Literacy Canada interviewed more than 1,000 parents between the ages of 18 and 55.

Findings revealed that 62 per cent of parents polled agreed that they don't have as much time as they'd like to spend helping their kids learn.

The survey found 70 per cent of respondents agree that they are their child's best teacher — a feeling even stronger among those with little ones at home. And 63 per cent disagree with the statement that the primary place for a child to learn is at school, not home.

Reading was the most common activity parents were likely to engage in with their children daily, followed by helping with homework, playing games, using a computer, writing stories or visiting a library.

Yet while many parents yearn for more time to devote to helping educate their kids, few are making use of opportunities during daily activities to engage youngsters in teachable moments.

For example, while 14 per cent said they always use paying their bills as a learning opportunity for their children, most never (27 cent) or rarely (28 per cent) use the occasion as a teachable moment.

As for cooking or baking, 27 per cent of respondents say they always use the time while whipping up a dish as a learning moment for their kids — signifying that the majority do not.

Kids can learn about matching, measurement and colours while parents do laundry, but only 19 per cent of parents surveyed said they always use the household chore as a teachable moment.

"...What we're suggesting is take a look at the activities that you participate in with your families and see that there are inherent learning moments within those activities that you can engage with your child and enjoy."
MARGARET EATON, PRESIDENT OF ABC LIFE LITERACY CANADA

"We know that people are pressed for time, so what we're suggesting is take a look at the activities that you participate in with your families and see that there are inherent learning moments within those activities that you can engage with your child and enjoy," said Margaret Eaton, president of ABC Life Literacy Canada.

Eaton said discussing the day's news events or what was read online earlier in the day can help improve kids' vocabulary and get them thinking about, and sharing opinions on, issues. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Troubled teacher

It is possible that some parents forego teachable moments because they aren't wholly confident when it comes to teaching particular subjects.

- While 69 per cent of those polled said they were very confident in teaching their child to read, 26 per cent said they were only somewhat confident and five per cent said they weren't confident.
- It was a similar story when it came to writing, with 59 per cent expressing being very confident in teaching those skills, 33 per cent being somewhat confident and eight per cent being not confident.
- Findings of a separate survey for ABC Life Literacy Canada released last May revealed that 79 per cent of respondents weren't fully confident in their ability to teach another person about money, saving and budgeting.

Hunger for life

Through perseverance and planning, Jennifer Broe has turned a kitchen hobby into a successful business

TURNING POINT

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There is a tattoo on Jennifer Broe's right wrist that says 'Believe' and Jennifer says it's a reminder to her every day to remain focused on the path toward success.

"I kept hitting so many walls. I wasn't sure I would be able to go forward. I was in my car a lot so it was a constant reminder to keep moving forward."

Jennifer started Baby Gourmet out of her kitchen in Calgary when a new mom's support group kept asking for her homemade organic food for their own babies. She set up shop in a high-end farmer's market and was soon selling $30,000 a month.

▶ Jennifer Broe

"I always trust my intuition and that's what's taken me forward."
JENNIFER BROE

Within two years she had assembled a management team, secured funding and was ready to hit the marketplace. Her first pitch was to Canada's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, and she was so convincing she got the contract sent to her on her Blackberry on the way back to the car.

"We're feeding kids delicious foods that they love to eat and that moms can feel good about. I always trust my intuition and that's what's taken me forward."

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DUMP YOUR 'PAL' THE CIGARETTE, IT'S SLOWLY KILLING YOU

This year, the Canadian Council for Tobacco Control wants to draw attention to the complex relationship Canadians who smoke have with their cigarettes. Most of us have experienced a relationship that we knew was not good for us, but found it difficult to walk away. This is particularly true for the millions of Canadians addicted to cigarettes — their "pal" is slowly killing them.

Tobacco remains the leading preventable cause of disease and death in Canada, killing 37,000 Canadians annually. For every premature death caused by tobacco, there are at least 20 people living with a tobacco-related illness.

Five million Canadians smoke and need our help to quit. Yet, as a society, we continue to stigmatize people who smoke and to blame them for their addiction (labelling it a "choice" or "habit"), conveniently neglecting the fact that tobacco is highly addictive and that cigarettes are engineered to exploit that fact. Furthermore, most adults who currently smoke started before the age of 17, and many even before the age of 15.

We must do more to help create and invest in environments that support "quitters" and ensures our youth never enter into this devastating and costly relationship. Tobacco is a relationship that never has a happy ending.

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Taking place from Jan. 15-21, this year's National Non-Smoking Week (NNSW) theme is Breaking Up Is Hard To Do. NNSW's goals include:

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- Helping people quit smoking;
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Giant upset in Green Bay

Manning throws three TDs, Giants stun Packers 37-20 in NFC divisional playoff game

37	20
GIANTS	PACKERS

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▶ Giants QB Eli Manning drops back to pass against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

For Eli Manning and the New York Giants, Lambeau Field has become a familiar launching pad. After beating the Green Bay Packers at home for the second time in four years, they only hope this trip ends the same way — at the Super Bowl.

Manning threw three touchdown passes and the Giants shocked the Packers 37-20 in an NFC divisional playoff game Sunday. Manning threw for 330 yards, sending the Giants to San Francisco for the NFC championship game next Sunday night.

The Packers might have been the reigning Super Bowl champs, but the Giants might be the hottest team in the NFL.

"I think we're a dangerous team," Giants coach Tom Coughlin said. "I like where we are and how we're playing."

The Giants stunned the Packers with a touchdown off a long heave from Manning to Hakeem Nicks just before halftime, then knocked them out with a late touchdown off a turnover. Lambeau Field fell silent as the Giants swarmed the field in celebration, with a handful of New York fans chanting, "Let's go, Giants!"

The win came four years after the Giants beat a Brett Favre-led Packers team in the NFC title game. It wasn't nearly as frigid this time around, and the Packers' vulnerable defence seemed to be waiting to get sliced up.

Manning found six different receivers against a porous Packers defence. But Manning did the most damage with his throws to Nicks, who caught seven passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns.

Nicks' biggest play was a 66-yard touchdown catch in the first quarter. His score at the end of the half came on a 37-yard pass into the end zone with defenders all around.

"It was a big momentum play for them, but we were not deflated as a football team," Packers coach Mike McCarthy said.

The Giants defence also was able to defuse the big-play abilities of Aaron Rodgers and the Packers defence.

Rodgers was 26-of-46 for 264 yards, with two touchdowns and an interception. He also was the Packers' leading rusher with 66 yards on seven carries.

Meanwhile, the Packers' past problems with dropped balls by their talented group of wide receivers returned at the worst time imaginable.

And while the Packers defence has been porous all season, giving up far too many yards and big plays, they've typically made up for it by forcing turnovers.

This time, the Packers were the ones giving the ball away.

Green Bay lost three fumbles, including one on a rare giveaway by Rodgers. The Giants also sacked Rodgers four times. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ravens defend their way to AFC title game

20	13
RAVENS	TEXANS

If style points and offensive fireworks meant anything, the Baltimore Ravens wouldn't stand a chance of making it to the AFC championship.

Playing defence and protecting the football are what they do best, and that formula led to a 20-13 victory over the Houston Texans on Sunday, putting Baltimore in the AFC title game against the New England Patriots.

"I always say there is a right way to do things, there is a wrong way to do things and there is just the Ravens' way of doing things," linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "It wasn't pretty but we're not really a pretty team. We got the W and now it's on to the AFC championship."

The Ravens (13-4) had almost as many punts (nine) as first downs (11) and scored only three points over the final 46 minutes. But Baltimore wasn't penalized, didn't commit a turnover, intercepted rookie QB T.J. Yates three times and totalled four takeaways — two in the first quarter and two over the final eight minutes.

"If we didn't get any of those turnovers it would probably be a different game," Ravens defensive tackle Haloti Ngata said.

Baltimore visits New England next Sunday, with the winner advancing to the Super Bowl in Indianapolis on Feb. 5.

The Patriots lead the series 6-1, but Baltimore's lone win came in the postseason.

"We don't play the game until next week," Suggs said. "I'm going to enjoy tonight."

Veteran defensive stars Ed Reed and Ray Lewis led a unit that yielded only one touchdown and came up with the big play when one was needed. Lewis had a team-high seven tackles and Reed sealed the victory with the Ravens' fourth takeaway, an interception near the goal line in the closing minutes.

"It's winning by any means necessary," Reed said. "That's what it's got to be." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 sports

Jets preview

Winnipeg at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m. TV: TSN Jets

The Senators (25-15-6) host Winnipeg (20-19-5) looking to extend their four-game winning streak. The Jets are winless in their last three and have only won six of 21 road games. Daniel Alfredsson scored the shootout winner in Ottawa's 3-2 victory over Montreal on Saturday. Alfredsson is 4-for-4 in shootout attempts this season. Evander Kane leads Winnipeg with 18 goals but hasn't scored in his last seven games. Defencemen Dustin Byfuglien and Derek Meech (knee) as well as Zach Bogosian (lower body) are hurt, leaving the Jets thin on the blue-line. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Things heading south in Miami

Tough times for Heat, with Wade ailing and the team on a three-game slide Miami had started season 8-1

Dwyane Wade is hurting. His team has lost three in a row. And the schedule is not going to provide any breaks any time soon.

The season's first official rough patch has arrived for the Miami Heat.

Some Heat players hit the practice court Sunday, Wade not among them. He was in the building, getting treatment on the right ankle he sprained in Friday's loss to Denver — one of three lower-body injuries he's dealing with of late, including a sore left foot and strained calf. There was no formal word on whether Wade would play Tuesday against San Antonio, but it seems the Heat are preparing to be without the 2006 NBA final MVP.

"We knew we were going to be faced with adverse situations. ... It's going to happen."
HEAT FORWARD CHRIS BOSH

"He needs to get healthy," forward Chris Bosh said. "That's the most important thing. He's been pushing it.

"He's been giving us everything he has. And unfortunately in the last game, he turned his ankle. But sometimes things happen. He probably needed to sit down and rest in the first place. Sometimes an injury will do that to you. It's a blessing in disguise. We need to be healthy when it's time to make a run in the playoffs.

"He needs to just chill out right now, get better and we'll hold it down until he can come back."

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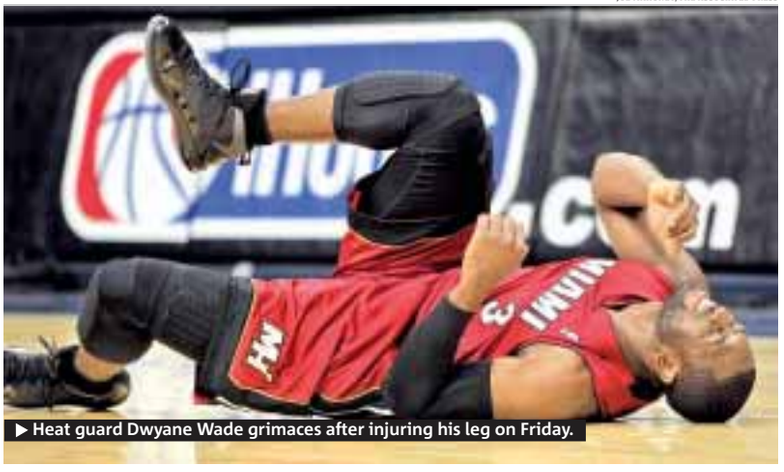

▶ Heat guard Dwyane Wade grimaces after injuring his leg on Friday.

Wade was not on the practice court for Sunday's media availability. Coach Erik Spoelstra said there is no timetable for Wade's return, neither ruling him out for Tuesday nor suggesting he may be gone for a while.

"He's up walking around. He's working out right now downstairs," Spoelstra said. "But we're not going to put a timetable on when he comes back.

"Thankfully he's not in a cast or boot. He is walking around. So we'll see. We'll see how he responds each day and we'll go from there."

Wade was hurt late in the Denver loss, which capped a five-game road swing for Miami. The Heat were an NBA-best 8-1 after starting the trip with wins in Atlanta and New Jersey, then stumbled in overtime losses at Golden State and the Los Angeles Clippers, and closed the trip by allowing the Nuggets to shoot 55 per cent from the floor — Miami's worst showing in that department, by far, this season.

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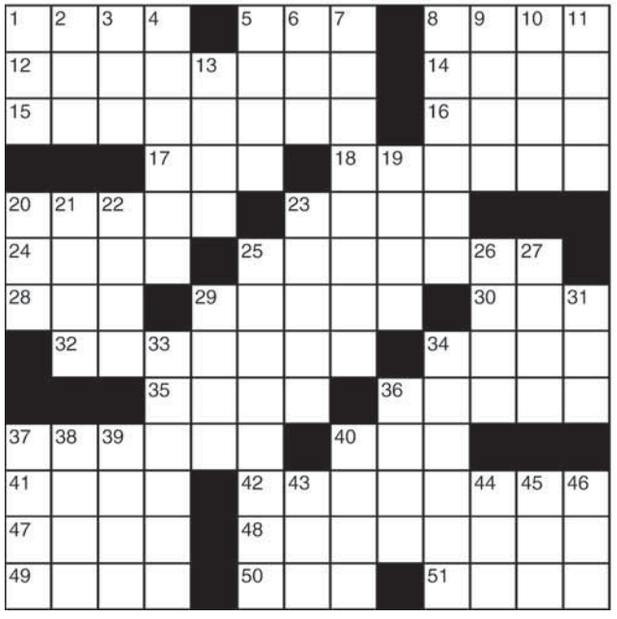

Across

1 Largest continent
5 Humpty Dumpty
8 Carpet style
12 Like a superintendent's apartment, often
14 Couturier Chanel
15 Food closets
16 Top-notch
17 Years on end
18 Disposition
20 Tine
23 Belch
24 Contained
25 Lingers
28 Hammarskjöld of the U.N.
29 Incites
30 Cistern
32 Weds
34 — E. Coyote
35 Carry a load
36 Mediterranean island
37 Jellied incendiary
40 Listener
41 First person
42 Bakery offerings
47 Zilch
48 North Carolina cape
49 Census data
50 Take to court
51 Navy-related (Abbr.)

Down

1 Dadaist painter
2 Aegean, e.g.
3 Hostel
4 Go to
5 Ireland
6 "Gosh!"
7 Movements
8 Shrimp dish
9 Hula- —
10 Zits
11 No stay-at-home
13 Kermit is one
19 Blunders
20 Third deg.
21 Paper quantity
22 Gymnast Korbut
23 Holder for cream cheese and lox
25 Victories
26 Wicked
27 Sodium chloride
29 Caspian feeder
31 Afternoon gathering
33 Actor Ving
34 President Harding
36 Damon or Dillon
37 "Peter Pan" pooch
38 Work like —
39 Sheet of glass
40 Renaissance family name
43 Junior Olympics org.
44 Savings-plan acronym
45 Water (Fr.)
46 Former fast flier

▶ Friday's answer

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Sudoku

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	6	9	4					1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's answer ▶

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5	4	2	7	1	9	3	8	6
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SEE-SAW

To: him,
no one in particular, just a line or two, was an indoor day. Cozy n warm n full. Thank you, for friends. Thanks for just being there. Thanks for family. Thanks for sanity, n self control n self respect n thanks for just being myself. Good Evening! Its a beautiful nite, for cuddling and caressing wouldn't you agree! I do! Yum! ;) there ain't anything special bout this note -Sensual Seduction Secret Place Scenario
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A look at the weather

TODAY	TOMORROW	WEDNESDAY
Min -17°	Min -22°	Min -26°
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Everyone you meet seems determined to fight about something. Just ignore them.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You will be motivated enough to finish something that should have been completed a long time ago.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Family and financial matters will go well if you make sure you stay in control.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
If you make too many loud claims you may attract the attention of someone who calls your bluff.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
The one thing you don't want to do as the week begins is make a target of yourself.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
What happens over the next few days will be the result of the many efforts you have made in recent weeks.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Get a grip on yourself and play to win.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
It may seem as if you can get away with anything, and maybe you can, but the planets warn this phase is unlikely to last more than a few days, so don't get carried away.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You may be tempted to show the world just how tough you can be but is that really the best way to win friends and influence people?

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't hang around with the same old faces and go to the same old places. Be more adventurous, Capricorn!

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Make sure you know what you are getting into before committing yourself to a project that may cost a bit of money.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Channel your confidence into something constructive, something that benefits not just yourself.

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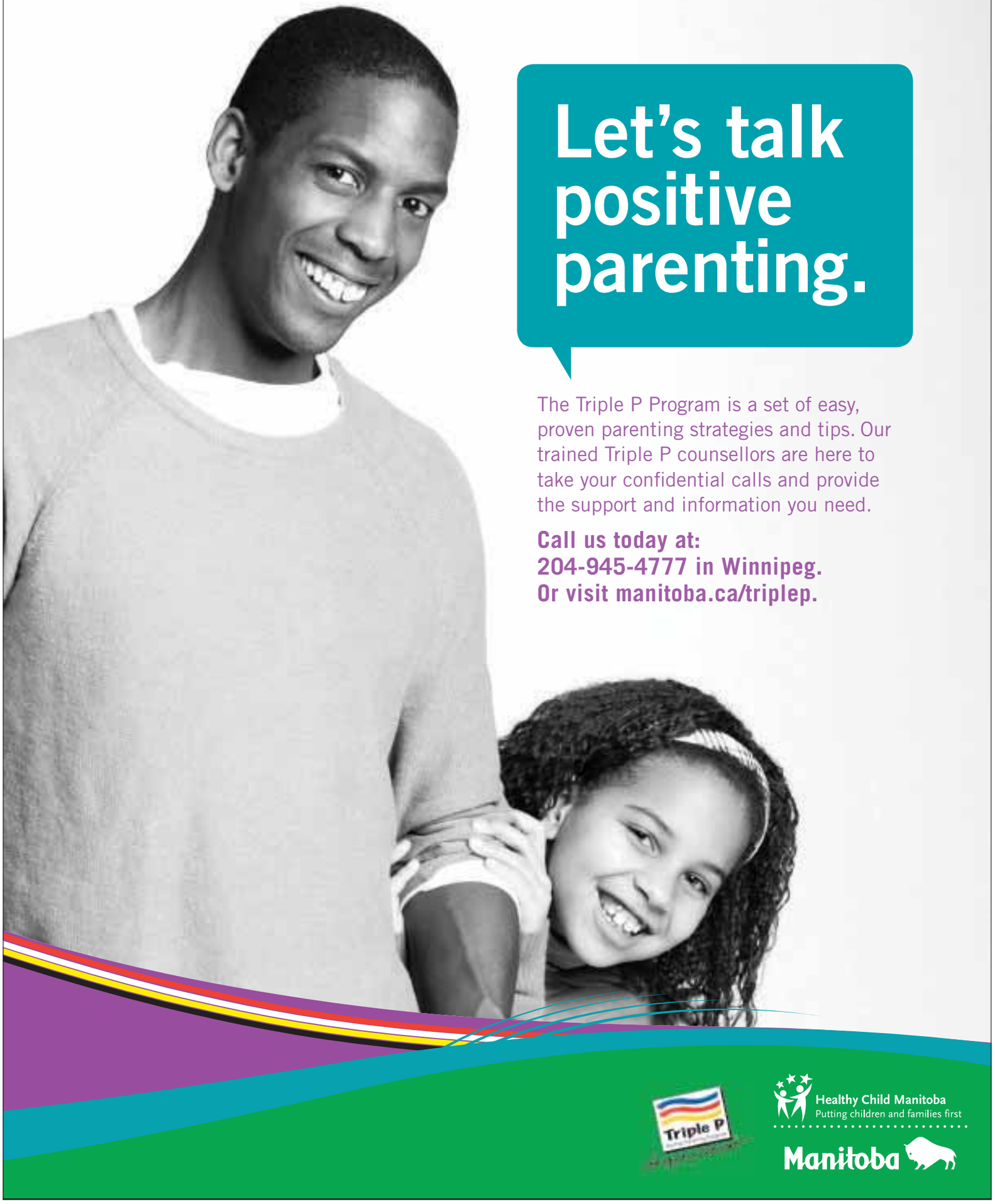
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